



**TOWN OF AMHERST
APPLICATION FOR A TAXI DRIVER/CHAUFFEUR
LICENSE**

To the Local Permit Agent:

Date: _____

The undersigned hereby applies for a Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes relating thereto:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

NAME OF COMPANY FOR WHICH YOU WILL BE DRIVING TAXI: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____ HAIR: _____ EYES: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: _____

DATE OF EXPIRATION: _____

I HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME IN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED: _____ / _____
Chief of Police Date

Date Approved/Denied: _____ License # _____

Remarks: _____

RULES AND ORDERS REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF TAXI BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, the Select Board of the Town of Amherst hereby adopts the following rules and orders regulating the use and operation of taxi businesses in the Town of Amherst.

Section 1 **Definitions**

The following words, as used in these rules and orders, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires, shall have the following meaning:

"Town" shall refer to the Town of Amherst.

"Taxicab" shall be any vehicles used or designed to be used for the conveyance of passengers who may upon a public way request to be transported for hire.

"Taxi License" shall refer to a license granted to the owner of a taxi business.

"Taxi Driver's License" shall refer to a license to operate a taxicab.

"Select Board" is the Town's licensing authority.

Section 2 **Licenses Required**

No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of transporting persons for hire in a taxicab from, to, or within the Town without first obtaining a taxi license. Application for said license shall contain the business name and address, name of business owner, local address from which business will be operating, description of vehicle(s) to be used and any other information the Select Board shall deem necessary.

Any person desiring to operate a taxi shall obtain a taxi driver's license. The application shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant, name of the company for which the applicant will be driving, the applicant's date of birth, social security number, height, weight, hair color, eye color, and driver's license number and expiration date, and any other information the Select Board shall deem necessary. Said driver's license, which will contain the company name, will be visible at all times while driver is on duty.

All license applications will be reviewed by the Town's Police Chief prior to being acted upon by the Select Board.

All licenses shall expire on the thirty-first (31) day of December of each year and shall be in such form and subject to such terms and conditions as the Select Board may, within its discretion, withhold, grant, or revoke any such licenses.

These licenses shall not be transferable without prior approval of the Select Board. All taxi and driver licensees must notify the Select Board of any change of address affecting the location of residence, or business.

Section 3 **Vehicles**

All taxicabs affected by these rules shall be properly registered, inspected, and insured per requirements of the Commonwealth. The Licensing Authority may order a specific vehicle to be reinspected at any time with cause. The taxi business owner shall provide the Select Board with a certificate of insurance which will include a statement from the insurance company issuing the policy indicating that the policy shall not be canceled without a minimum of five (5) days notice to the Select Board. No license shall be released without this information.

All taxicabs affected shall display a suitable identity light on the top of the vehicle, said identity light shall be illuminated at night and shall be visible from both the front and rear of the taxicab. The business name shall be indicated on both sides of the vehicle. The interior and exterior of said vehicles shall be clean and sanitary at all times.

All taxicabs are subject to inspection by the Board of Health, Police Department, Select Board, or duly appointed inspector for compliance with these rules and orders.

Section 4 **Fares**

All taxi businesses which choose to operate through a metered system shall have approved metering devices installed and shall have these devices sealed annually by the Inspector of Weights and Measures in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 98, Section 45, and conform to N.B.S. standards. All taxi businesses which choose to operate through a zoned system shall include with the license application a map or listing of such zones and the charges thereof and have on display in each taxi vehicle.

Section 5 **Daily Log**

A daily log shall be maintained by each taxi driver and shall contain the driver's name, vehicle identification, date and time of fare pickup, destination, and date and time of drop off. Said log shall be kept in an orderly manner and readily available for inspection by the Licensing Authority or the Amherst Police Department acting as agents for said Authority. The Licensee shall maintain a file of said logs for a term of two (2) years.

Section 6 **Violation**

Violation of these rules and orders shall be punishable by a fine of fifty (\$50) dollars for each offense. Each day in which violations of these regulations occur shall constitute a separate offense. Violations may be enforced through the non-criminal disposition method pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 21d. For purposes of non-criminal dispositions, enforcing persons shall be the Amherst Police Department. The Select Board may suspend or revoke any license issued under these rules and orders for violation of any law or of this ordinance.

Section 7 **Fees**

Fees for licenses shall be those fees in effect with the Town's current fee schedule at the time of licensing. Fees may be prorated.

Section 8 **Effective Date**

These rules and order shall become effective March 16, 1992

Approved this 16th day of March, 1992

Amended this 23rd day of May, 1994

Amended this 1st day of August, 1994

Amherst Select Board